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Re: "Environmental Investigation Summary Report"

Dear Mr. Schwer:

Enclosed please find the above referenced report for your appraisal.

If you have any questions, please call me at 800-359-3677.

Sincerely,  
ENSA, TRI-S, Inc. Environmental Consulting

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**Environmental Investigation Summary Report  
Stratton Mountain Inn  
Middle Ridge Road  
Stratton, Vermont  
DEC Site #91-1154**

*for*

Steven Logue  
Stratton Mountain Inn  
Middle Ridge Road  
Stratton, Vermont 05155

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## I. Introduction

As requested by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VT DEC) Sites Management Section (SMS) in their letter of March 18, 1994 to Steven Logue of the Stratton Mountain Inn, Environmental Services of America - TRI-S, Inc. Environmental Consulting Division (ENSA/TRI-S) conducted subsurface investigations at the Stratton Mountain Inn ("the site") in Stratton, VT. Specifically, the investigations included installation and sampling of groundwater monitoring wells and sampling of a groundwater seep at the site, and analysis of the samples for Aromatic Volatile Organic Compounds and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons. In addition, fuel oil-contaminated soils, which had been stored on the subject property since the removal of an underground storage tank (UST) from the site in 1991, were screened with an organic vapor meter (OVM).

This work was performed to determine: 1) whether groundwater at the site had been impacted by fuel oil from the leaking UST; 2) what course of action, if any, is appropriate to take regarding the oil-contaminated soils which are stored at the site; and 3) the potential for impact of the 1991 fuel oil release on downgradient sensitive receptors.

There is currently a fuel oil UST located alongside the site building, approximately 110 feet to the southeast of the former location of the tank which was removed in 1991. It is reportedly 2,000 gallons in size and still in use. According to personnel of the Stratton Mountain Inn, there is another fuel oil UST onsite, located near the swimming pool. The condition of the existing USTs at the site was not part of this investigation.

## II. Discussion

### A. Soil Boring and Monitoring Well Installation

On June 6, 1994, three soil borings were advanced at the Stratton Mountain Inn property. Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in two of the boreholes. Monitoring well SMI-1 is approximately 11 feet deep, and was installed to the immediate south of the Inn, in the former location of a 2,000 gallon #2 fuel oil UST which was removed from the site in 1991 after petroleum odors were detected in catch basins on the property. Monitoring well SMI-2 is approximately 5.5 feet deep, and was installed downgradient of the former UST location, north of the Inn, adjacent to one of the catch

basins. No monitoring well was installed in the third borehole, SMI-3, which was drilled to auger refusal at a depth of approximately 5 feet without encountering groundwater. Approximate well locations and other pertinent site features are indicated on the site sketch presented in Appendix A.

During drilling, split spoon soil samples were collected at five foot intervals and field screened for VOC concentrations with an Organic Vapor Meter (OVM) calibrated to 250 ppm of an Isobutylene span gas. OVM readings of soils from the boreholes ranged from 0.0 to 4.0 ppm in SMI-1, 0.0 ppm only in SMI-2, and 0.0 to 5.8 ppm in SMI-3.

B. Groundwater Sampling and Laboratory Results

On June 15, 1994, the monitoring wells at the site were gauged and sampled. Groundwater was observed to be seeping from an embankment located downgradient of SMI-3. Samples from the groundwater seep and SMI-1 and SMI-2 were collected and submitted to Alpha Analytical Laboratories in Westborough, MA for analysis via US EPA Methods 8020 (for Aromatic Volatile Organic Compounds) and 418.1 (for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons).

Laboratory results revealed the absence of contaminants tested for in groundwater samples from monitoring wells SMI-1 and SMI-2. The sample from the groundwater seep was measured to contain 2.1 ppm of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons. No Aromatic Volatile Organics were detected in the seep sample. Complete laboratory results are presented in Appendix B.

C. Screening of Stockpiled Soils for VOCs

According to the UST closure report prepared by EA2R of West Dover, Vermont, approximately 9 cubic yards of oil-contaminated soils were stockpiled onsite during the 1991 tank removal of a 2,000 gallon fuel oil UST from the south side of the Inn. The soils were placed in a plastic-lined pit near the west corner of the site. As part of the current investigations, ENSA/Tri-S, Inc. personnel collected soil samples from the pit for VOC screening with an OVM. Samples were obtained from three locations, and at depths of one foot and two to three feet below the surface. OVM readings at a one foot depth were 29.4 ppm, 30.2 ppm, and 27.0 ppm. Readings at two to three feet below the surface were 72.6 ppm, 66.8 ppm, and 83.0 ppm.

D. Sensitive Receptor Evaluation

The subject area is served by community drinking water and sewer systems. No drinking water wells exist in the immediate area and no human receptors are known to be located downgradient of the site.

A small stream, located downgradient of the site, exhibited no visual signs of impact as a result of the past release of fuel oil from the UST at the site. The stream is possibly intermittent; it carries runoff in a drainage ditch adjacent to Quarter Mile Road, from the east side of the site along the rear (northeast) side of the site. The concentration of TPH detected in the groundwater seep sample is not considered to represent a significant threat to the health of the stream or its inhabitants.

**III. Conclusions and Recommendations**

A. Conclusions

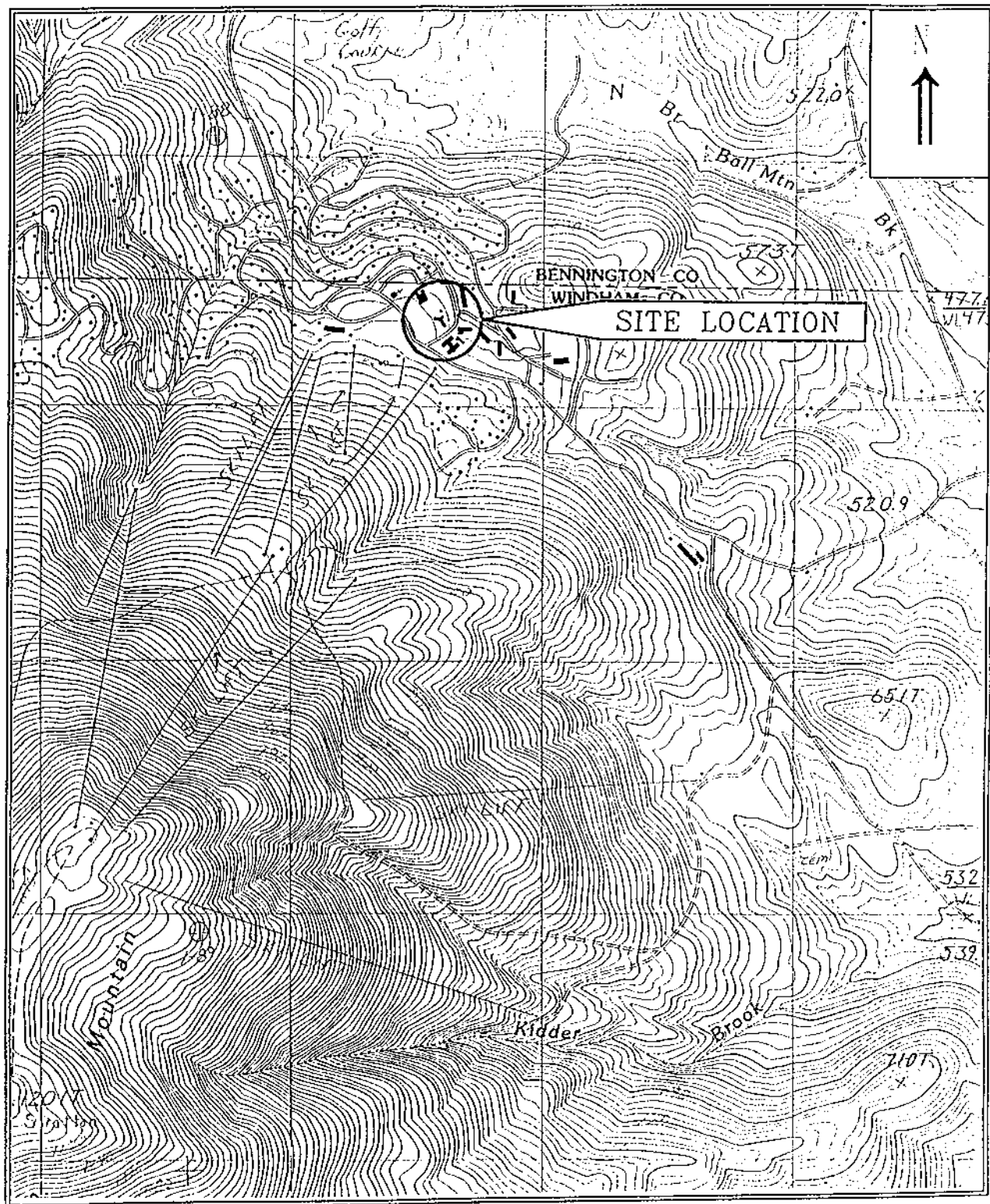
1. Laboratory results show the absence of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons and Aromatic Volatile Organics in groundwater from the two monitoring wells which were installed on the property on June 6, 1994.
2. A sample from the groundwater seep which is downgradient of the monitoring wells contained no Aromatic Volatile Organics and 2.5 ppm of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons.
3. Based on headspace screening of soil samples with an OVM, significant contaminant levels do not exist in soils at the monitoring well/soil boring locations. The highest reading, 5.8 ppm, was obtained from soils from SMI-3.
4. Based on the absence of significant levels of compounds tested for in the site's groundwater, the substantial time that has passed since the release incident was initially detected and the leaking tank removed (1991), and the fact that the subject area is served by community drinking water and sewer systems, an ongoing threat to sensitive receptors in the subject area from that incident does not exist at this time.
5. Based on headspace screening of soil samples with an OVM, the oil-contaminated soil stockpiled from the 1991 tank removal contains VOC concentrations that would require treatment per VT DEC approval. Readings obtained from these samples ranged from 27.0 ppm to 83.0 ppm.

B. Recommendations

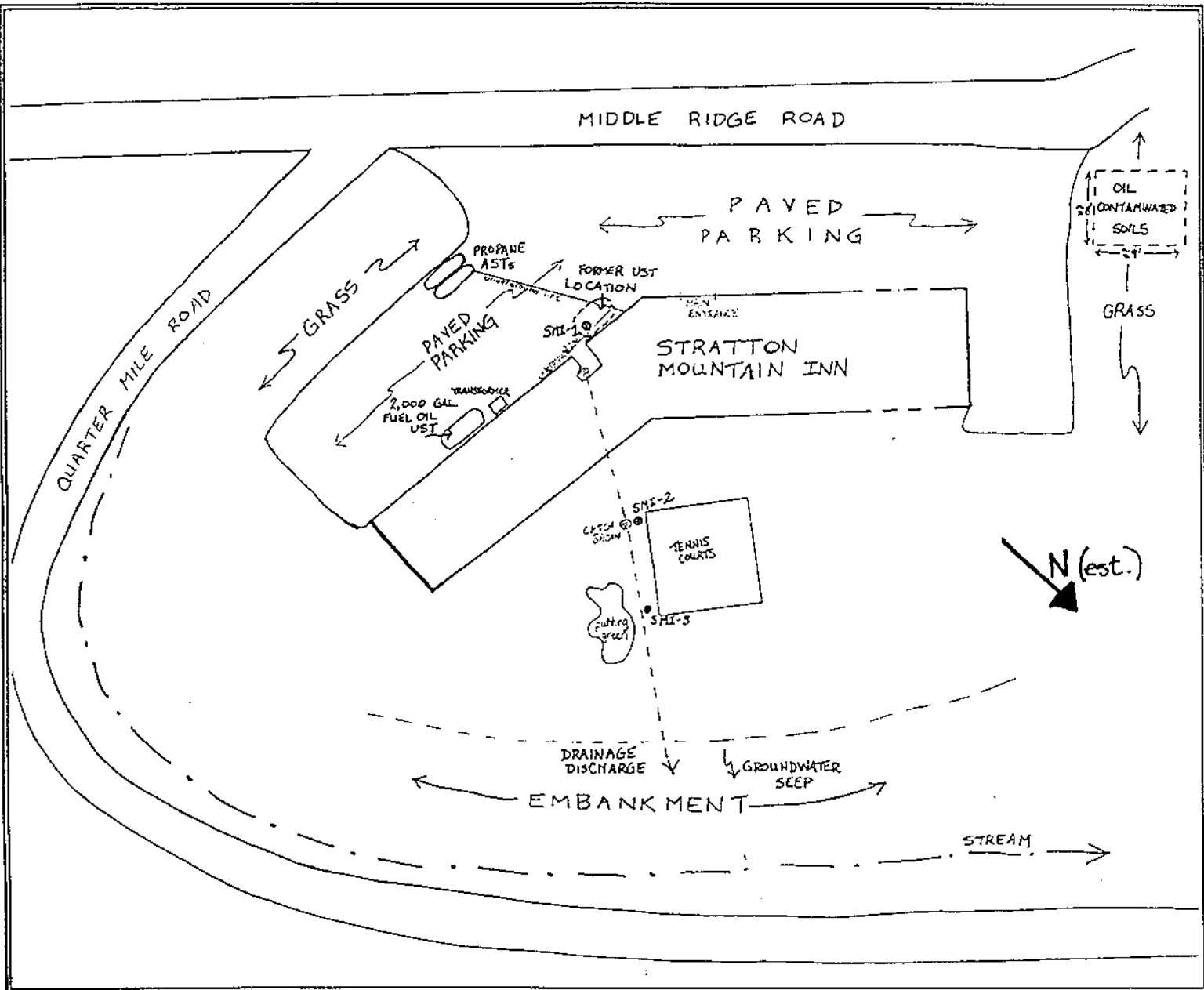
ENSA/TRI-S recommends that the stockpiled soils be excavated and disposed of at an out-of-state landfill. Prior to scheduling of excavation and disposal, these activities must be formally approved by both the VT DEC and the proposed disposal facility. Once the stockpiled soil has been properly disposed of, ENSA-TRI-S recommends that the VT DEC consider initiating procedures to achieve Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) status for this site.

*Appendix A*  
*Site Locus, Site Sketch*





Site Locus	USGS Topographic Map Stratton Mountain Quadrangle - 1986 Scale 1:24,000 metric	Stratton Mountain Inn Stratton, Vermont
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Site Sketch

Stratton Mountain Inn  
Stratton, Vermont

Not to scale.  
Building shape approximate.

***Appendix B***  
***Laboratory Reports***

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ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES

Eight Walkup Drive  
Westborough, Massachusetts 01581-1019  
(508) 898-9220

MA 086 NH 198958-A CT PH-0574 NY 11148 NC 320 SC 88006 RI A65

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Client: Tri-S, Inc. Laboratory Job Number: L9404740  
Address: 205 Main Street; 3rd Floor Invoice Number: 64146  
Brattleboro, VT 05301 Date Received: 16-JUN-94  
Attn: Susan Chaffee Date Reported: 30-JUN-94  
Project Number: 428 Delivery Method: Alpha  
Site: Stratton Mountain Inn

ALPHA SAMPLE NUMBER	CLIENT IDENTIFICATION	SAMPLE LOCATION
L9404740-01	SMI-1-61594-428	Stratton, VT
L9404740-02	SMI-2-61594-428	Stratton, VT
L9404740-03	SMI-02-61594-428	Stratton, VT
L9404740-04	SMI-01-61594-428	Stratton, VT
L9404740-05	SMI-A-61594-428	Stratton, VT

Authorized by: James R. Roth

James R. Roth, PhD - Laboratory Manager

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ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES  
CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

MA 086 NH 198958-A CT PH-0574 NY 11148 NC 320 SC 88006 RI A65

Laboratory Sample Number: L9404740-01  
Sample Matrix: XXXXXXXXXX 1594-428  
WATER

Date Received: 16-JUN-94

Date Reported: 30-JUN-94

Condition of Sample: Satisfactory

Field Prep: None

Number & Type of Containers: 2 Vial, 1 Amber Glass

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	RDL	REF METHOD	DATES PREP ANALYSIS
Hydrocarbons, Total	ND	mg/l	0.50	1 418.1	24-Jun 24-Jun
Aromatic Volatile Organics				1 8020	27-JUN
Benzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Toluene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Ethylbenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Xylenes	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Chlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Methyl tert butyl ether	ND	ug/l	1.0		

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ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES  
CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

MA 086 NH 198958-A CT PH-0574 NY 11148 NC 320 SC 88006 RI A65

Laboratory Sample Number: L9404740-02  
Sample Matrix: [REDACTED] 61594-428  
WATER

Date Received: 16-JUN-94

Date Reported: 30-JUN-94

Condition of Sample: Satisfactory

Field Prep: None

Number & Type of Containers: 2 Vial, 1 Amber Glass

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	RDL	REF METHOD	DATES PREP ANALYSIS
Hydrocarbons, Total	ND	mg/l	0.50	1 418.1	24-Jun 24-Jun
Aromatic Volatile Organics				1 8020	22-JUN
Benzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Toluene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Ethylbenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Xylenes	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Chlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Methyl tert butyl ether	ND	ug/l	1.0		

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

MA 086 NH 198958-A CT PH-0574 NY 11148 NC 320 SC 88006 RI A65

Laboratory Sample Number: L9404740-03  
02-61594-428

Date Received: 16-JUN-94

Sample Matrix: WATER

Date Reported: 30-JUN-94

Condition of Sample: Satisfactory

Field Prep: None

Number & Type of Containers: 2 Vial

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	RDL	REF METHOD	DATES PREP ANALYSIS
Aromatic Volatile Organics				17.8020	22-JUN
Benzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Toluene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Ethylbenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Xylenes	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Chlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Methyl tert butyl ether	ND	ug/l	1.0		

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Laboratory Sample Number: L9404740-04  
-01-61594-428

Date Received: 16-JUN-94

Sample Matrix: WATER

Date Reported: 30-JUN-94

Condition of Sample: Satisfactory

Field Prep: None

Number & Type of Containers: 1 Vial

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	RDL	REF METHOD	DATES PREP ANALYSIS
Aromatic Volatile Organics				1 8020	23-JUN
Benzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Toluene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Ethylbenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Xylenes	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Chlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Methyl tert butyl ether	ND	ug/l	1.0		

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Laboratory Sample Number: L9404740-05  
Sample Matrix: ~~SMI-A-61594-428~~  
WATER

Date Received: 16-JUN-94

Date Reported: 30-JUN-94

Condition of Sample: Satisfactory

Field Prep: None

Number &amp; Type of Containers: 2 Vial, 1 Amber Glass

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	RDL	REF METHOD	DATES PREP ANALYSIS
Hydrocarbons, Total	2.1	mg/l	0.50	1 418.1	24-Jun 24-Jun
Aromatic Volatile Organics				1 8020	23-JUN
Benzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Toluene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Ethylbenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Xylenes	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Chlorobenzene	ND	ug/l	1.0		
Methyl tert butyl ether	ND	ug/l	1.0		

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ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES  
QUALITY ASSURANCE DUPLICATE ANALYSIS

Laboratory Job Number: L9404740

Parameter	Value 1	Value 2	RPD	Units
Hydrocarbons, Total	DUPLICATE for sample(s) 01-02, 05			
	ND	ND	NC	mg/l

ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES  
QUALITY ASSURANCE SPIKE ANALYSES

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Laboratory Job Number: L9404740

Parameter	% Recovery
Hydrocarbons, Total	SPIKE for sample(s) 01-02,05 98

ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES  
QUALITY ASSURANCE MS/MSD ANALYSIS

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Laboratory Job Number: L9404740

Parameter	MS %	MSD %	RPD
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Volatile Organics Spike Recovery by GC MS/MSD for sample(s) 02-05

1,1-Dichloroethene	79	89	12
Trichloroethene	100	99	1
Chlorobenzene	90	102	13
Benzene	93	94	1
Toluene	96	96	0
Ethylbenzene	108	96	12

Volatile Organics Spike Recovery by GC MS/MSD for sample(s) 01

1,1-Dichloroethene	79	89	12
Trichloroethene	100	99	1
Chlorobenzene	90	102	13
Benzene	93	94	1
Toluene	96	96	0
Ethylbenzene	108	96	12

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ADDENDUM I  
REFERENCES

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1. Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste: Physical/Chemical Methods. EPA SW-846. 1986.

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Analytical Laboratories, Inc.

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**CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD**  
and ANALYSIS REQUEST RECORD

No.

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Company Name:

TRI-S, Inc. Environmental  
Consulting

Project Number: 428

P.O. Number: 2325

Phone Number: (802)

254-3677

FAX No.: 254-7630

Project Name/Location:

Stratton Mtn. Inn  
Stratton, VT

Date Received in Lab:

6/16

Date Due:

6/30

Company Address:

205 main street 3rd Floor  
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Project Manager:

Susan Chaffee

Alpha Job Number: (Lab use only)

9404740

ALPHA  
Lab #  
(Lab Use Only)

Sample I.D.

Container Codes:  
P = Plastic V = Vial  
C = Cube G = Glass  
A = Amber Glass  
B = Bacteria Container  
O = OtherContainers  
(number/type)

Matrix / Source

Method Preserve.  
(number of containers)

Unpres.

Ice

Nitric

Sulfuric

HCl

Other

Solubles - F.F.

Sampling

Date Time

MATRIX / SOURCE CODES  
MW = Monitoring Well RO = Runoff O = Outfall W = Well LF = Landfill  
L = Lake/Pond/Ocean I = Influent E = Effluent DW = Drinking Water  
R = River Stream S = Soil SG = Sludge B = Bottom Sediment

X1 = Other

X2 = Other

Analysis Requested

4740.1 SMI-1-61594-428

2 / V  
1 / A

MW

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

6-15-94 12:00

8020's on vials 418.1 TPH IR

1.2 SMI-2-61594-428

2 / V  
1 / A

MW

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

12:10

"

1.3 SMI-02-61594-428

2 / V

MW

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

12:05

" 8020 n/c

1.4 SMI-01-61594-428

1 / V

MW

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

12:00

- 8020 n/c

✓ 1.5 SMI-A-61594-428

2 / V  
1 / A

R

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

12:20

8020; TPH-IR

Sampler's Signature

W. H. H. / J. H. H.

Affiliation

Tri-S Inc

Date

6-15-94

Time

2:43

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Trip Blank and Duplicate included

NUMBER

TRANSFERS RELINQUISHED BY

TRANSFERS ACCEPTED BY

DATE

TIME

1

2

3

4

J. Dendler

for y/hy

H. H. H.

P. M. H.

6/16/94

1:40 PM

6/16

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